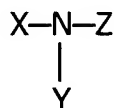


**In the Claims**

1. (currently amended) A topical acne composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of

a) from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of an alkanolamine of the formula



wherein X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C1-C3 alkyl groups, C2-C4 alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y, or Z is a C2-C4 alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group;

b) from about 0.01% to about 6% by weight tyrosine; and

c) from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of a sulfur-containing ingredient selected from the group consisting of lipoic acid, glutathione, and mixtures thereof; and

d) a dermatologically acceptable carrier, wherein the topical composition is applied to skin and acts upon the skin to treat or prevent acne.

2. (original) A composition according to claim 1 which contains from about 0.03% to about 5% by weight dimethylaminoethanol, from about 0.03% to about 5% by weight tyrosine, and from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight lipoic acid, glutathione, and mixtures thereof.

3. (original) A composition according to claim 2 which contains from about 1% to about 3% by weight dimethylaminoethanol, from about 0.2% to about 0.5% by weight tyrosine, and from about 2% to about 7% by weight lipoic acid.

4. (original) A composition according to claim 2 which contains from about 1% to about 3% by weight dimethylaminoethanol, from about 0.2% to about 0.5% by weight tyrosine, and from about 5% to about 10% by weight glutathione.

5. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 which further ~~comprises~~ contains at least one adjunct ingredient selected from the group consisting an  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acid, a fatty acid ester of ascorbic acid, and mixtures of any of these.
6. (original) A composition according to claim 5 which contains from about 1% to about 10% by weight glycolic acid.